"Away put your weapon, I mean you no harm."
"On second thought though Brux, if THAT's all the weapon you have, leave it out. It is clear that it could do no more harm than this <u>Issue 71</u> of

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with this warehousy issue...

THIS ISSUE really is kind of a clear—the—deck issue, it being mostly game results that I couldn't get into #70. You will probably be spared the 79Iid history I have to date, thru S'05. That will come out next time. This issue will also be the last done at Harper. Due to problems there, I will have to wrap that one up and go to my alternate printing source (another xerox). It will cause me some delays as the office machine was right down the hall, while this alternate one is 11 miles away, but on the bright side, I can then afford to expand the print run to accomodate more people, while at Harper I was under the constraint of not wanting to have TOO many copies of this thing to do at any one time. I'd say I'll be averaging one issue every three weeks instead of every two, or about the same as I have recently. Excepting July's three issues plus fake, that is. We'll see.

PERILS OF PAULINA gets top spot in this issue, as there must be 6 pages of it here. CANAL DREGS makes it's final appearance unless Jack can come up with some other endgame statements besides those here. If any of the other players have any they would like printed, I suggest you send them to me. I had to get the endgame chart from Gary Howe, the third player I asked and the only one who had both received one and not yet thrown it away. Starting soon will be another subzine, but I won't mention who or what yet, I'll let that come as a shock, er, surprise. Also, David Perlmutter's 7-day-deadline Special has apparently begun, altho I haven't seen the announcement yet. One of the players called me with news of it this evening (19th). That should be good. Skip the

moves, just check out the press. All rejected by Osuch's PERILS OF PAULINA.

SPEAKING OF ZINES, another of Jack Master's BLACK FROGs arrived in tonight's mail. At first I was disappointed that I'd subbed when a delay could have meant that I'd now be able to trade, but the issue was so funny that it's good he got real money from me for it. (His rate is "whatever you think it's worth"). Not the second half of HOW TO SPEAK SOUTHERN, but even better. How often does a DIPZINE come out with COLOR PHOTOS showing Kathy Byrne with lots exposed? It's a laugh a page! A lot smaller than the humungous GRAB DOTS!!! that came yesterday (36 pages on a 20¢ stamp! Foul!!), but readable in one sitting except for breaks to wipe the tears of laughter from your cheeks. Get aboa rd quick: 25711 N Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, CA 91355. Don't be fooled by his own personal "Leeder Poll results". (Are we really building a "Black Frog" airplane?) Then let's see: Konrad Baumeister is going off to Georgetown near DC to school; I think Georgetown is the U name rather than the town, but I'm not sure. I only saw a reference to "Georgetown" in the latest EGGNOG. Only one more issue of EGGNOG coming with more than just game results, a shame. Still, he does have to get in one last lick at yours truley. Seriously, it was a good prompt zine even if I hadn't the foggiest notion of what a lot of that musical commentary was on, etc. (I always thought those groups were imaginery, but he uses commentary from others as well, and I doubt they're in it with him, so it must be legit). It will be a difficult one to replace. However, DICK MARTIN is edging out VOICE OF DOOM as my favorite outside zine with this huge outpouring of articles, letters, games, press, and total bullstuff! And I always thought that BB would never

JOHN'S NOTES

be replaceable! (Though for pure laughs, Master's has it without dispute right now. The big question is, Can Reagan make He keep It Up?) This issue will contain everything currently on file except for a letter from JOHN BOARDAMN that apologizes for denouncing me for what he thought was a real BB, #69. (He objected to the reacist overtones of the back page). That's coming, plus some more Dave Carter filler you'll enjoy (I did, so you'd better).

IN THE NEWS: The big news is the SPECIAL Special game that is opening up in some people's favorite, VOICE OF DOOMB. Jack Masters reports that ol' Linseed is once again out to outdo everyone else. He's right, we've seen, all—girl games, all—California games, all—Mensa games (ones that use the Shaffer opening for England, the self—standoff oven the North Sea in SO1, stuff like that), all—this and all—that. Well, Linsey has really outdone us all on this one. Jack passes the word that ol' Bruxus is opening an ALL—HOMOSEXUAL game! When I told Bill Shaffer about that one, he offered to pay Jack Frost's gamefee himself! (A generous offer, since I don't believe that he paid Jack a full fee for 80AQ yet...). Any of you out there who are, uh, so inclined, can sign right up. Should be an interesting line—up, hey? I wonder what the press will be like???

Dick Martin will be at 7301 Nale Ave, College Park, MD 20740 later this week, i.e., effective NOW, so if you're not getting his zine (whatever they're called), send him a check for \$4 for 10 of the damn things. However, since his rate (new) is one of the highest in the hobby at 10/\$8, he says that to get a new sub at the old or resubber's rate, you must talk him into it. So, with your \$4, tell him I sent you and add that if he doesn't accept it, you too will submit press to Bob Osuch's latest game in which he plays Germany. Use a neutral dateline, as only grey press is allowed ,not black. Wait till he sees what I've already heard is coming... Osuch' address is within on any PERILS OF PAULINA page. Sign up for his and Masters quick!

MARK BERCH has admitted that the semmingly real letter in the fake #69 really was done by him, and purportedly is legit. No doubt an attempt to stir controversy, as it is a support of the Windfall Profits Tax and your publisher is an oil industry accountant. Too bad, Mark, but I don't really object. We made a lot of money when oil was at \$16.10 a bbl (top price) in April of 1979, so with it being \$39 a bbl in July 1980 when the government taxes away \$19 of it, we're still ahead by 25% in 16 months, not counting that a lot more oil is getting top dollar now than was true then. My primary objection is that the law is unbelievably garbled and virtually unmanageable by mortal beings, leading me to honestly suspect that certian elemnets wrote it so as to really create a justification for nationalization more than to gouge money from a suddenly-bloated industry (and it IS that).I would plead for massive simplification, even if you gave it higher rates. And the large price increases we've seen (and will see: by 10-81, ALL domestic crude will draw top dollar under CURRENT programs) have in part helped to create the oil glut we have right now. We've had a gas glut for months, but that's typical of summers following mild winters, but I've never before seen an OIL glut. I think it's mostly the new cars and enforced mileage ratings, but I know that prices have forced down MY driving. Pay no heed to the few still using the "exploration" pitch: the industry has been going at full blast for the last three years, and the majors, who will gain the most from decontrol (they're sitting/stuck with most all of the \$6.50 oil now that will be \$38 or so next year), do little or no real wildcatting. They only develop sure things. Like Mobil buying Montgomery Wards, or whatever that was. Why risk money looking for shale oil systems that work, for instance, when a takeover of Col Saunders will bring a much higher return?

POLAND is on strike as this goes to press; nice to hear, but sad. No revolution can ever get anywhere without massive foreign intervention, and who is there to help them? We won't even fight for our OWN people. Too bad...

## THE PERILS OF PAULINA (as featured in the Brutus Bulletin)

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#### KRAUTS SEEK NEW HORIZONS; AUSTRIANS HANG TOUGH

Summer 1904: Russia retreats A Ukr to War; NRR for Austrian F Gre, GM retreats F Gre Otb.

#### Fall 1904:

AUSTRIA (Mainardi): A ROM H; A Ven-TRI; A Bul-RUM; A BUD S A Bul-Rum; A SER S A Bul-Rum; A UKR-Sev; A MOS S A UKr-Sev; F Alb-Tri/

ENGLAND (Kelly): F Mid-WES; F Eng-MID

FRANCE (Howe): A Pic-BRE; A GAS S A Pic-Bre; A SPA S F Por; F POR S A Spa

GERMANY (Kirchner): F Nwg-NWY; F NTH S F Nwg-Nwy; F Den-BAL; A Tyo-PIE; F Bel-Pic/NSU; A SIL S RUSSIAN A War/NSO; A BEL H (UO)

ITALY (Henthorn): F Lyo-TYRR; F NAP-Rom

RUSSIA (Sniegowski): A WAR-Mos; A Nwy-STP; A GAL-Ukr; F RUM S TURKISH A Con-Bul/d/r to Bla. Otb

TURKEY (Mooney): A Con-BUL; A GRE S A Con-Bul; F ION S A Gre; F AEG S A Gre; A SEV S RUSSIAN A War-Mos

UO means "unordered", as Eric apparently miswrote his order for the unit in Belgium. Thanks to all for submitting orders this time. Tom Mainardi has regretfully announced that he will be unable to continue as Austria and has resigned his position. So, will Peter Fuchs, 3585 Inspiration Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80917, please assume the Austrian position. Pete had expressed interest earlier, so he's my first choice.

| 1904 | #                  | NET | COUNTRY | CENTERS               |      |        |      |      |      |     |
|------|--------------------|-----|---------|-----------------------|------|--------|------|------|------|-----|
| -    | 8                  | +1  | Austria | Vie, Bud,<br>ROM, &fe |      | Ser,   | Rum, | Mos, | Ven, |     |
|      | 2                  | 0   | England | Lon, Lvp              |      | •      |      |      |      |     |
|      | 5                  | +1  | France  | Par, Bre              | Mar, | Por,   | SPA  |      |      |     |
|      | 8                  | +2  | Germany | Ber, Kie,             | Mun, | Den,   | Hol, | Bel, | Edi, | NWY |
|      | 1                  | -1  | Italy   | Køn, Nap              | Spa  |        |      |      |      |     |
| •    | 3                  | -1  | Russia  | StP, War,             | Swe, | XIVI # |      |      |      |     |
|      | <del>7</del><br>34 | +2  | Turkey  | Con, Ank              | Smy, | Tun,   | Sev, | BUL, | GRE  |     |

Deadline for Russia's retreat, Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 is Thursday, July 31, 1980.

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## THE PERILS OF PAULINA (as featured in the Brutus Bulletin)

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#### PRESS COOLS DOWN; ITALIANS INVADE AUSTRIA

#### Fall 1901:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A\_BUD-Vie; F Alb-GRE; A SER S F Alb-Gre

ENGLAND (Sniegowski): A Edi-NWY; F NWG C A Edi-Nwy; F NTH-Bel

FRANCE (Bricken): A Mar-SPA; F Mid-WES; A BUR-Bel

GERMANY (Stark): A Kie-HOL; F DEN H; A RUH-Bel

ITALY (Henry): A Ven-TRI; F Ion-TUN; A TYO-Vie

RUSSIA (Goodrich): F Bot-SWE; F Sev-RUM; A GAL S F Sev-Rum; A UKR-Sev

TURKEY (Petrie): A ARM-Sev; A BUL-Gre; F Ank-CON

Looks like nobody's too bashful this game. I'm really looking forward to future developments, what with a three-way bounce in Belgium, an Italian army in Trieste, and a French fleet in the Western Med. Not too shabby. Center chart follows:

| 1901 | #                              | NET | COUNTRY | CENTERS   |      |      |      |     |
|------|--------------------------------|-----|---------|-----------|------|------|------|-----|
|      | - 4                            | +1  | Austria | Vie, Bud, | TTL, | SER, | GRE  |     |
|      | 4                              | +1  | England | Edi, Lvp, | Lon, | NWY  |      |     |
|      | 4                              | +1  | France  | Par, Bre, | Mar, | SPA  |      |     |
| ~    | 5                              | +2  | Germany | Ber, Kie, | Mun, | DEN, | HOL  |     |
| •    | 5                              | +2  | Italy   | Ven, Rom, | Nap, | TRI, | TUN  |     |
|      | 6                              | +2  | Russia  | StP, War, | Mos, | Sev, | RUM, | SWE |
|      | 4                              | +1  | Turkey  | Ank, Con, | Smy, | BUL  |      |     |
| e.   | <del>2</del><br><del>3</del> 4 |     | Neutral | Por, Bel  |      |      |      |     |

Deadline for Winter 1901 builds is Thursday, July 31, 1980.

#### PRESS

ISTANBUL: Black press is one thing- idiocy another.

MOS-WORLD: Yes, that "Wild Kingdom" episode did show me with a poodle. Why the hell do you think I had to leave Omaha?

ROM-BUD: You and me. baby! Let's kick the shit out of those Turkish turds!

BER-EUROPE: Please pay no attention to press previously written from Berlin or any other German province. We will not stand for some misguided misanthrope who cannot express his feeble, simple minded ideas without using senseless vulgarities, writing his foul-mouthed press from our cities. Such inane absurdities cannot be tolerated by a responsible nation.

ROM: There has been some train trouble in Austria and the Fat Man has sent help.

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## THE PERILS OF PAULINA (as featured in the Brutus Bulletin)

#### SNIDELY WHIPLASH RETURNS

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Winter 1901:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): Builds A VIE

ENGLAND (Sniegowski): Builds F EDI

FRANCE (Bricken): Builds A PAR

GERMANY (Stark): Builds A KIE, A MUN

ITALY (Henry): Builds F NAP. F VEN

RUSSIA (Goodrich): Builds A STP, FSEV

TURKEY (Petrie): Builds F ANK

Next year the war starts in earnest. Good luck to all, some of you will need it. I have SO2 orders on file for France and Turkey. So far everybody has been getting their orders in well ahead of the deadline, but I must warn you not to trust the USPS. It took one card NINE FULL DAYS to arrive; it got here two days after the deadline, folded, spindled and mutilated. You may be better off sending letters instead of post cards, as they're less apt to get lost in the shuffle. Just a thought.

Spring 1902 orders are due Friday, August 15, 1980.

#### PRESS

ROM-OSUCH: I'm going to write all the black press I want!

ROM-1980S: Watch us, faggots. We'll show you what real black press is.

PARIS: Self-censorship declared in France. All press from Paris will be white press only. France has never and will never issue disgusting press, nor will it engage in black press. Allies of France, both visible and invisible, will be able to recognize white press from Paris, since true French press is verified internally by stylistic codes of cleanliness and truthfulness. Viva l'alliance semantique!

LON-MOS: So how is life in Fag City? Much bigger gay community than Omaha, right?

FAMOUS WORDS OF SAN FRANCISCO: Is it in yet Paul?

PAR-GARY COUGHLAN: What the hell are you trying to do, be another Gibson? Please stop writing to me about Dickowski. I know not to trust him.

?: Gary Coughlan licks dirty stamps.

LON-GARY THE FAIRY: Man, are you something. I don't need your advice in this game. Leave me alone, will you?

?: Lee Kendter Jr. loves his bedpost.

AUS-GER: Fuck anschluss. I want Munich now.

ANK-MICHALSKI: You know, it's pretty hypocritical for you to attack people like Oaklyn for dishonesty when you practice it yourself. Just once I'd like to see you and Osuch not have cross-game alliances. It's the same old story every time. You get dussia. He gets Turkey. You guys ally and then you throw the game to Osuch. You really shouldn't play like that.

CHICAGO: Gee, under those circumstances you'd think I might win once in a while.

#### PRESS (cont)

A FRENCH JOKE: Uli Baumeister walks into a cafe with his girl. They see Charlton Heston sitting at the bar and Uli's girl goes wild. She runs over and has Heston autograph her tits. Uli storms over and says "What the fuck are you doing? Why don't you go ahead and sign my dick too?". Heston takes one look at Uli's dong and says "Hmm, I'm afraid my initials will have to do."

MOS: I just got a call from another <u>BB</u> subber. I am using this black press to relay his complaint. Is it true that you and Osuch are metagaming? If so, please cancel my sub because, Mr. Michalski, I don't want to finance your dirty tactics.

BEL: And now, for the First Annual Rod "Use the Chains please" Walker Awards: ... Mike Henry wins the BOMB-IN-THE-BRIEFCASE-UNDER-HITLER'S-DESK AWARD for the worst executed stab ever pulled in postal diplomacy.

.... For being eliminated in 1902, Dave Perlmutter wins the LEE KENDTER JR.-BERNIE OAKLYN trophy.

.... For writing the most blatantly homosexual letters, Paul Goodrich wins the coveted DAN PALTER PINK NIGHTIE.

.... For engaging in massive amounts of communication, Joe "Only Girls Under Eleven" Petrie wins the DAVE CROCKETT GOLD PHONE BILL.

.... For proving to the world that fourteen year olds really are stupid, immature, and generally ignorant, John Kelley wins the AMY CARTER MEDALLION. .... For the most stupid bounce in Belgium, William Bricken wins the STEVE McLENDON BAD TACTICS MEDAL.

BER-WORLD: What's black press? WORLD-BER: I bet we find out.

BER-LON: Hey, I get Belgium then we go after France together.

BER-PAR: Hey you! I get Belgium as we agreed. So stay out, then I'll get England with you.

PAULINA: Hi! My name is Daryl Bernard Osuch and I'm only a month old. My daddy says that one day I can play Diplomacy too. I think now I'll write my first press release: FUCK YOU DON DITTER! OK, that was nice. Now, about my dad. He and the Polack do not have cross-game ties. My dad is not dishonest. An asshole, but not dishonest.

CHICAGO: Why you dirty, rotten, no-good mother fu... Naaaah.

PAULINA: Hi! I'm Rita Osuch. Isn't Bobsy a great GM? Hee, hee, who shall we NMR this time Bobsy?

?: I want to say one thing. It is only because I cannot prove my charges of metagaming between Osuch-Michalski that I have to hide behind black press to make my charges. I suspect, however, that soon the whole hobby will know what those two people are doing.

VIE: I suggest we have a referendum on whether to continue to allow black press in this game.

CHICAGO: I second the motion!!!

NOW FOR A LITTLE HUMOR





#### CZAR MISSES, POWER STRUGGLE CONTINUES

Summer, 1907: English F Mid r GAS; Italian A Gal r BUD; Turkish F Nap r ROM

#### FALL, 1907:

ENGLAND (Mitchell):

F CAS S A Spa; A SPA S F Gas; F WES S TURKISH F Naf-Tun;

F Eng-BRE; F NWY S F Swe; F SWE S F Nwy

FRANCE (Johnson):

F Mid-NAO; F Lvp-CLY; F POR-SPAsc

GERMANY (Cummings):

F DEN S ENGLISH F Swe-Ska/NSO; A GAL & A PRU S A Sil-War;

A Sil-WAR; A Mun-TYO; A BOH S A Mun-Tyo; A MAR S ENGLISH

A Spa

ITALY (Grabar):

F AEG-Bulsc; A GRE S F Aeg-Bulsc; A BUD S A Tri-Vie; A Tri-VIE; A PIE-Tyo; F NAP S F Tyn-Rom; F Tyn-ROM;

F Tun-Naf/d/r Ion, Tyn, Otb

RUSSIA (Kirchner?): TURKEY (Becker): NMR! A BUL, MOS, STP H; F SKA H; A War H/d/r Lvn, Ukr, Rum, Otb

F Rom-Nap/d/r Tus, otb; F Naf-TUN; F SMY S A Con; A CON

S RUSSIAN A Bul; A Ser vanishes/NSU

Would Dave Pilant, 3801 SE 23 St, Del City, OK 73115, please consider submitting standby orders for Russia? I would normally add that I don't think Eric will miss again, but I said that about Chatfield, didn't I? Anyhow, your builds can be conditional on the retreats, meaning you will know who, if anyone, submitted the retreat for A War, and Spring can be conditional on the builds (and who made them). WHENEVER you submit conditional orders of any kind, always label one set as ALL OTHER CASES. Press follows 1907 in review.

#### 1907:

| E: Edi Lon Nwy Bel Bre Swe SPA          | 7. | build 1  |
|---|----|----------|
| F: Por Lvp \$p\$                        | 2  | remove 1 |
| G: Home Hol Den Par Mar War             | 8  | even     |
| I: Rom Ven Tri Bud Vie Ser Thin Gre NAP | 8  | even     |
| R: StP Mos Sev Rum Bul                  | 5  | even     |
| T: Home Mary TUN                        | 4  | even     |
| 1                                       | 34 |          |

ROME-MOSCOW: Eric, I would appreciate it if your A Bul would r OTB. I could then get the builds I need to hold England, and kill Turkey

TUNIS: The Italians surrendered peacebly. Only their commander was unaccounted for. He was later found hiding in the stables beneath a pile of camel dung. When asked why he was hiding there, he replied, "Italian Instink".

T-I: When I was 4 you were 8, when I was 3 you were 6, 2,4,1,2,zip,zip. To avoid this I'll even ally with you against the Kraut.

Con-Mos: Only one move and I already consider you a diplomatic genius.

TO THE ENTER OF

BERLIN: It is all so easy. We ally with Austria & England and successful Russian campaing. Again with England successful French campaign. Use Italy and Turkey in a useless feud, successful Balkan campaigh. To all you turkeys it spells sucessful Diplomacy Game. ((sit))

KZOO-MOORE: Someone's been overexposing your xerox. Obviously SO7 should have included G: A Mar H and A SIL S A War-Gal. No?! ((No, A Mar S Engl A Gas-Spa. My apologies to all. A line was left out, and a later correction sent to all players. Thanks for mentioning it to me though. Not everyone does...))

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Winter, 1908: No adjustments

SPPING, 1909:

AUSTRIA (Guajardo): A TRI & A BUD A S A Vie; A VIE S Turkish A Rum-Gal/NSO

ENGLAND (Osuch): A Yor-LON; F MID S F Wes-Naf; F Wes-NAF; F POR-Spase;

F SPAsc-Wes; F ENG-Nth; F GLyo-PIE; A MAR S F GLyo-Pie;

A GAS-Bur; A BUR-Ruh

GERMANY (Howe): F HOL-Nth; F Bal-DEN; A StP-NWY; A MUN-Ruh; A TYO-Mun;

A BOH-Tyo; A CAL-Vie; A War-UKR; A MOS S A War-Ukr

ITALY (Palter): F Pie-GLyo/ann.; A VEN S Turkish A Tus-Pie/MSO; F TUN-Wes;

F Naf S F Tun-Wes/ann.

TURKEY (McCarty): F BLA S A Rum; A RUM S A Ser; A SER S ((Austrian)) A Tri;

F ADR S Italian A Ven; A TUS S Italian F Pie/OTM;

F TYN S A Tus; F ION S F Tyn; A SEV H

Looks to be an interesting season coming up. Will the E-G war prove real, or a smoke screen? Do they know themselves? Will Turkey come out of his shell? If he does, which way will it be? Will Italy come back, or go out? Let's find out with my mail received at work TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1980. Press follows.

ROM-ANK: Between your tactics and my strategy, we will soon be defending the EasMed. CON: I know the game is slow, but a May 29 deadline? ((Oops))

RFE: Wonder why an army in StP is needed? To keep out Eskimos?

CON-LON: Looks like maybe you should have moved to the North Sea, doesn't it? I'll bet you Germany stabs you this fall! Don't come crying to me about your problems. You'll both get exactly what you deserve.

CON-ROM: Unless I've misread the situation, you can kiss your ass goodbye. Thanks for your centers! Your lack of communication nearly cost Austria and I the game.

You can go back to sleep now.

SEETO HQ, VIENNA: Due to the "Three Stooges" routine last fall, Austria's Imperial armed forces realize the necessity of a unified command and hereby submit to the leadership of General Mohamat McCarty in all tactical matters. The Austrian government strongly urges their Italian allies to do the same, before SEETO loses its credibility as a viable alliance.

SEETO HQ, VIENNA: A high level conference has been scheduled for today to discuss contingency plans should the west split up. "It should be of interest", stated one spokesman, "that the west's implied palan of transferring resources from on to the other in order to obtain a victory is an obvious hoax." The invincible SEETO alliance will prevail. The greed of our enemies will lead to their own demise. Let us first be sure our analysis is correct, then slowly but surely squash the oppressors. However, let us not forget the integrity of the South Eastern Europe Treaty Organization when ithe inevitable does occur.

CON-BER: I'm keeping my end of the bargain if you're really serious.

CON-LON: Looks like you'd better start talking. CON-ROM: What are my letters for—air pollution?

HAPSBURGS AND HOHEMMOLLERIS TAKE A VACATION, BUT MOONE REALLY SPENS TO NOTICE. COOPERATIVE POPE NOW MAYOR OF VEHICE. GAME POLLS OH...

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#### FAIL, 1909:

AUSTRI' (Guajardo): MAR! A TRI, BUD, MIE H

EMGLAND (Osuch): A Lon-YOR; A Bur-BEL; A Gas-BUR; F ENG S A Bur-Bel;

F Pie-GLYO: A Mar-PIE; F Spase-WES; F MAF S F Spase-Wes;

F Mi.d-MAT; F Por-MID

GERMANY (Howe): MAR! F HOL, DEN H; A MMY, MUN, TYO, BOH, CAL, UKR, MOS H

ITALY (Palter): A MEN O COPKISH A Tus-Pie, MSO; F TUN S TURKISH F Typ

TURKEY (McCarty): A SEV S A Rum; F BLA S A Sev; A RUM S A Ser; A SER S A Rum;

F Ion-MAP; F TYN S A Tus-Rom; A Tus-POM; F ADR S AUSTPIAN

A Tri-Ven/NSO

This is cute. Three of my five standbys have MMRed either here or in IZ; the others are players or former players elsewhere...Hmm. Fortunately one poor fellow just signed up for BB and offered to be a standby, so: Would KERRY BLANT, P O Box 263, Decatur, IL 62525 please consider submitting standby orders for Germany? (In BB, you do not have to accept a standby call, and will not be player of record if you so decline). And I guess ol DAVID PHAME, 3801 SE 23 St, Del City, OK please consider submitting standby orders for Austria? Press follows 1909 in review.

| 1909: | A: Home                               | 3         | even         |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
|       | E: Home *//y <b>Z/A</b> h Par Mar Bre | 0         | i.           |
|       | Por Spa BEL                           | 4         | -1           |
|       | G: Home Hol ##/ Swe StP War           |           | . 1          |
|       | Mos MMY DEN                           | 10        | +1           |
|       | I: Mon Mar Ven Tun                    | 2         | 2 ann., even |
|       | T: Home Bul Ser Gre Rum Sev           |           |              |
|       | NAP ROM                               | <u>10</u> | build 2      |
|       |                                       | 34        |              |

OOPS!! I forgot to mention that WINTER, 1909, and SPRING, 1910 will be due with my mail received at work TUESDAY, August 26, 1980. Spring may be conditional on the winter builds and who made them. Whenever you submit conditionals of any kind, be darn sure one set is labelled ALL OTHER CASES, for any more NMRs here may well have to go CD. Now the press:

CON: Oh how painful to have to do this! But it seems Turkish & Italian can't be translated intelligibly.

ITALY-TURKEY: If we keep coordinating this badly, you'd be better off taking my centers.

LON-CON: I need your help like I need a severe case of hemorrhoids. What good are you anyway, except as a bloodsucker thriving off half-dead bodies. Well, you'll still have to fight to take anything from me, as unlike your "allies", I do correspond with everybody, except for the assholes. In other words, everyone except you.

LON-CON: Gee, I guess I lost my head there for a minute. Sorry about that.

RFE: England & Germany have declared "PseudoWar" on each other. The North Sea was described as a great pseudobattlefield and Pseudo admirals Howe & Osuch were heard giggling together in their bathtub as they pushed their toy ships together in mock battle.

LON-GABER: Gary, take them both, but don't force me to do something I'll later regret, like handing the game to our opportunistic friend.

BER-LON: Sorry, this looks like too much fun to quit.

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## THE PERILS OF PAULINA (as featured in the Brutus Bulletin)

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### FROGS HANG ON FOR DEAR LIFE AS TURKS, KRAUTS EXPAND HORIZONS

Autumn 1904: Russia retreats F Rum Otb

Winter 1904: Austria builds A Vie; France builds F Mar; Germany builds a Mun. A Ber; Italy NAR, GM removes F TYRR; Turkey builds A Con, F Smy.

Spring 1905:

AUSTRIA (Fuchs): A Bud-GAL; A VIE S A Bud-Gal; A Rom-VEN; A Tri-TYO;

A SER S A Rum; A RUM S A Ukr; A UKR S A Mos-War/d/destroyed;

A MOS-War/d/destroyed

ENGLAND (Kelly): F WES-Spa(sc); F MID S F Wes-Spa(sc)

FRANCE (Howe): A Bre-PIC; A Gas-PAR; A Spa-GAS; F MAR-Spa(sc); F POR S F Mar-Spa(sc)

GERMANY (Kirchner): F Nth-ENG; F Nwy-NTH; A Ber-LVN; F BAL C A Ber-Lvn; A Sil-BOH; A Mun-BUR; A BEL S A Mun-Bur; A PIE-Mar

ITALY (Henthorn): NMR. F NAP H

RUSSIA (Sniegowski): A Gal-UKR; A StP-MOS; A WAR S A StP-Mos

TURKEY (Mooney): A SEV S RUSSIAN A Gal-Ukr; A GRE-Ser; A BUL-Rum; A CON-Bul; F Ion-TUN; F Aeg-ION; F Smy-AEG

Fall 1905 orders will be due Monday. August 25,1980.

Hussia has finally knocked Austria out of his central center (Moscow), but what's that up north? Austria, in the meantime, is having problems of his own but seems to have solidified his position for the moment. Turkey has shown us the beginning of a formidable navy in the Med., one that may not meet any solid opposition for a while. In the west, France gamely held on to Spain for the time being with some nice defensive work, while simultaneously setting up a strong front vs. the German army. The question is, how long can he hold out? The introduction of the German fleet in the Channel could present serious problems for the Frogs. Unless we see a drastic turnaround in the present alliance structure or a quick appearance by the Turk, France could be in dire straits. And England. Who ever thought he'd still be around? He has been a definite thorn in the Frenchman's side and a useful ally for the Kraut. Is it possible that he could return as a viable, three center power? Whatever the case, the next few years should prove to be very interesting indeed!

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NEW ZINE! Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904 has begun printing something called LIFE OF MONTY. The first issue is four sheets, four pages, not ditto but that other repro, whatever it is, and will carry Dip, Kingmaker, Third Reich, Machiavelli, Empires of the Middle Ages, and CRESCENDO OF DOOM"on request" Gamefee is -O-, but sub is \$6.60 a year for 12 issues, or 55g. Very witty, with notes, some zine reviews, and a game review. If you put out a small monthly, try to trade for it...

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Spring 1902:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A Bud-TRI; A VIE S A Bud-Tri; F Gre-BUL(sc);
A SER S F Gre-Bul(sc)

ENGLAND (Sniegowski): F Nwg-BAR; F EDI-Nth; F Nth-SKA; A NWY-Fin

FRANCE (Bricken): A Par-PIC; A BUR-Bel; A Spa-POR; F Wes-LYO

GERMANY (Stark): A MUN-Bur; A Ruh-BEL; A HOL S A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-RUH; F DEN-Nth

ITALY (Henry): F Ven-ADR; A TYO-Tri; F Nap-TYN; A TRI-Ser/d/r to Alb,Otb

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A STP-Fin; F SWE-Fin; A Ukr-MOS; A Gal-UKR; F SEV-Arm; F RUM S AUSTRIAN F Gre-Bul(sc)

TURKEY (Petrie): A ARM-Sev; F Ank-BLA; F CON S F Ank-Bla; A BUL-Rum/d/destroyed

Is there an alliance out there anywhere? We should be able to tell after Fall 1902, which will be due with my mail received August\_30,1980, the Saturday before Labor Day. Press follows.

CHICAGO: Yes, it's true. Contrary to what I had announced earlier, I am forced to censor an entire press release. The following item will not be printed, as I find it completely without any socially redeeming value. Sorry, "AN OLD IBERIAN FOLK TALE: Once upon a time there were two Polish people. One named Osuckme and one named Fuckallski. Well, one day they decided to play together in a Diplomacy game. Fuck got Russia and Suck got Turkey. Well, Fuck was so busy running a zine that he said, 'Suck, I will throw the game to you!' And he did. The moral of the story is: Always have a good fuck. "Forget it, swine. No matter how much you beg, I simply won't print such garbage. Baumeister was right!

BERLIN: To the writer of the ridiculous black press: You are not impressing anyone with your sophomoric witticisms. But you are causing one of us to laugh; after all, who wouldn't laugh at a fool who becomes even more foolish?

BERLIN: This black press is being written in honor of tight-ass Anthony Stark, who is so sensitive that he can't take a little humor. Anthony, my friend, this is a GAME! Kapish? A game. If you didn't want black press then why did you sign up?

TORONTO TELEGRAM-PERILS OF PAULINA: Sorry, Bob, you better stick with <u>Brutus</u> <u>Bulletin</u>. That press that Perlmutter submits is just too sick to be accepted in a zine of my standard.

AUSTRIA: I just want to say that since Jack Frost has taken it upon himself to be another Curtis Gibson, we should all treat him with the disdain he deserves. Jack, why do you spread rumors about people? I may be a southern hick in your eyes, but do you have to tell the whole board about it? Why can't you just leave our game alone?

ROM: I just want to say that I just want to say. Understand?

PARIS: Mike Henry walks into a bar in Houston and says, "I think Carter is a horses ass!". Well, everybody picks him up and smashes him against the wall. Mike gets up and says, "Gee, I didn't know this was Carter country.". A guy says, "No, this is horse country.".

#### PRESS(cont.)

MOS-LON: Look, I am nothing if not peaceful. I will never attack England, but the real enemy is that German dog who kept you out of Belgium on FO1.

BER-MOS: Look, that rotten Polack in England has stabbed just once too often and I plan, with your help, to annihilate that s.o.b..

AUS-WORLD: Do you know how Goodrich got his name? He's a bigger asshole than the blimp and uses it as a self-inflicting dildo!

BER-WORLD: I think I'm getting the hang of black press.

LON: The Michalski-Osuch crossgame tactics are just the tip of the iceberg. Look at 1980AQ. Once again we find the phenomenon of someone (France) throwing a game to Michalski (Turkey). All of you reading this should comprehend that what we have before us is an organization dedicated to crossgame play. Something like the English Karma League. I believe that Osuch, Michalski, Howe, Pilant and others are part of the American Cross-game Society. If this is so, and I think it is, then I am considering dropping out of the hobby. I refuse to play in the midst of corruption.

BUD: I think we all know who put out the BB fake. I think it is obvious that Dave Perlmutter and Jack Masters rigged the whole thing up to have it blamed on Mark Berch.

KARNAK THE GREAT DEFT: The answer is: "I thought they smelled bad—on the OUTside". The question: What do FTF players say when Perlmutha takes off his shoes?

BERLIN: Paul Goodrich walks into a bar in San Francisco and says, "I think Carter is an asshole!". Well, he gets beat up and then says, "Gee, I'm sorry, I didn't know this was Carter country.". Another guy says, "No, sweetie, this is asshole country!".

BUD-ROM: In your heart you knew I was right.

?: William Bricken is a very good player. Really. The fact that he is going to throw the game to England makes no difference.

ANK: I just want to say that I do not exist. I never write any letters. I never write any press. I always make stupid moves. Why? Because I am protesting the Michalski-Osuch cross game play. I think we should all NMR out of this game to prove that the "John and Bob Show" can't go on any longer.

SPAIN: Yeah, hear goes another movie review. This time "Dressed to Fuck" by Brian DePalma. Wow! First Angie Dickenson gets on the couch with her shrink and boy, does he grow. Then she goes to an art museum and screws a Calder mobile. Oh yeah, this stranger, who is Goodrich in drag, slices her up with a razor. Oh, I forgot, she masturbates in the shower too. Great photography. The killer turns out to be Kirk Douglas or dose Marie, I forget which. Shit man, the sex in this flick is great. Wall to wall boobs. Take the kids.

?: Hi, I'm Jack Frost. I just want to say: Perlmutter is untrustworthy.

Henry is a poor tactician.

Bricken has no sense of strategy.

Stark is, well, uh, Stark, that's about all you can say.

Petrie is NMR headquarters.

Goodrich never writes and always stabs at the wrong time.

Sniegowski is a Polack; need I say anything else?

CHICAGO: Bob here. Just a reminder, if I get any more press releases like the one I edited out earlier, I won't hesitate to censor again. And I'm getting tired of playing the English teacher. And don't give me that shit about being creative, Dave. Let me know if you want me to print your press releases 'creatively'. This goes for all of you! OK, everybody, class dismissed. Now, for your homework, send your reply to the following question: How much ground could a groundhog grind if a groundhog could grind ground?

I zine published by Jack Front
In this issue: 1980 10

Swring 1908: GERMANY retreats A Sil-BER

F:11 1908:

ENGLIND (Howe): A MIR holds; F Sps-PCR; F MID sup Its F Weg-Sps; F WAL-Lon: F Nwg-EDI

FRANCE (Pilaut): F ENG-Len; F Der-SWE

GERMANY (Henry): F STP helds; A Pru-Sil, disledged, destreyed; A BER & A RUH sup A Mun; A MUN sup A Pru-Sil; A BUR sup Eng A Mar; F Bal-DEN; A Swe sur F Str (NSU); A FIN helds (unordered)

ITALY (Mitchell): F Wes-SPA; F NAF-Wes

TURKEY (Michalaki): A MOS-Sty; A LVN sup & War-Pru; A War-PRU; A SIL The A Bek-Mun; A TYO sup A Bek-Mun; A BOH-Mun; A PIE sup F Gel-Har; F GOL-Har; A Ren-VEH; F TUN sup F Tyn-Wen; F Tyn-WES; F ION sup F Tun; A Rum-UKR; A Gre-ALE; F Acg-GRE; F BLA colds

Supply Center Chart for 1903:

RET COUNTRY CENTERS

- ENGLAND Par, Por, Bre, Spt, Lol, EDI, EIR +1
- Edf. Def. Lon, SME FRANCE 0
- GERHANY Ber, Kie, Hel, Mun, Bel, Nwy, Sto, Swe, DEN 8
- ITALY ZEA, KAE, SPA 1 **-**l
- TURKEY Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Sev, Gre, Bud, Mes, Ser, Wer, Vie, Tri, Ven, Ren, Ven, TUN

Desdline for adjustments and Spring 1909 is July 31, at mean. A draw was prepended, so vete if you must. He press.

July 31, 1980

A ziwe published by Jack Frest "YOU KNOW I USED TO LOVE HER..."
In this issue: 1980 40" In this issue: 1980 AQ

Wixter 1908: INGLAND builds F IPL GERMANY builds A KIE ITALY disbands F Ref TURKEY declines

Spring 1909:

ENGLIAD (Howe): F Lal-IRI; F Wal-ENG; F Edi-RTH; F VID-Wes; F POR-Se=(sc); Her my Italian F Spa, dialedged, retreat to Gas or disbard

FRINCE (Pilent): F SWE-Fin; F Eng-BEL

GERMANI (Henry): F Den-BAL; F Stp holds, disledged, retrest to Bar, Nwy, or disband; A FIN sup F Sto; A KIE sup A Ber; A WUN sup A Ber; A RUH & 1. BUR sue A Kun; 1 BER sue A Man

ITALY (Mitchell): F Spa-GOL

TURKEY (Mickelski): A LVK sup A Mes-Stp; A Mes-STP; A Ukr-MOS; A SIL sup A Pru-Ber; A PRU-Ber; A BOH sup A Tyo-Mun; A TYO-Mun; A VEN-Tyo; A PIE \*us F Gel-Mar; F Gel-MAR; F WES-Spa; F Tun-NAF; F Ten-Tin; F Gre-ION; A Alb-TRI; F BLA sun French F Swe, imp

Desdlise for Fall 1909 erders and endgame statements is August 7, at moon.

MOS-BER: We can reveal it all new, friend. Thanks for being a great gameleag slly. I ewe you exe.

BELGIUM: Good work, Kaiser, haw, haw.

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i ciae published by Jock Frest
In this issue: 1980 AQ "... BUT IT'S ALL OVER NOW."
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Spring 1909: ENGLAND disbrade A Mar (NAR)
GERMANY disbrade F Stp (NER)

#### F.11 1909:

ENGLAND (Howe): F Nth-DEN; F ENG sup Ger A Ruh-Bel; F IRI, F WID, F POR all held

FRANCE (Pilast): F SWE & F BEL held (NUR)

GENIANY (Herry): F BAL, A FIR, & KIL, A BUR, A RUH, & EER hold;

! Hum helds, dislodeed; (NMR)

ITALY ("litchell): F GOL-Mar

TURNEY (Micholski): F MAF-Mid; F Mar-SFA; F WES sur F Mar-Spa; F TYN-Gel; F Fer-Tun; A PIL-Mar; A Ver-Tus; A Tio & A Bon sur A Sil-Mun; A Mos sur A Lyn-Stp; A Lyn-STP; A Str-Myl; A Tri-VEN; F BL4 kelds; A PRU-Ber

### Supply Conter Chart for 1909: # NET COUNTRY CENTERS

- 7 +2 ENGLAND Par, Por, Bre, Lpl, Edi, Mar, DEN
- 3 +1 FRANCE Lex, Swe. BEL
- 3 -4 GERMANY Ber, Kie, Hel, Mas, Bel, Art, Sta, Des
- 0 -1 ITILY \$\f\neq \f
- 21 +5 TURKEY Ank, Con, Swy, Bul, Rum, Sev, Gre, Bud, Mes, Ser, War, Vie, Tri, Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, MUN, NWY, STF, SI?

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| ENGL AND | Gery Howe       | 4  | 5  | 4  | 4  | 5  | 5    | 5  | 6   | 7  |
| PRANCE   | Dave Piloet     | 5  | 6  | 7  | 5  | 4  | 5    | 3  | 2   | 3  |
| GERHLAY  | Mike Heary      | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 6  | 7    | 8  | 8   | 3  |
| ITALY    | Nothan Mitchell | 3  | 5  | 6  | 6  | 5  | 3    | 2  | 1   | 0  |
| AISSUA   | Tem Henthern    | 4  | 3  | 3  | 2  | l  | . 0  |    |     |    |
| TURKEY   | Jeka Mickalaki  | 4  | 6  | 7  | 12 | 13 | 14   | 16 | 17  | 21 |
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ind so the Fluis Shaffer Memerial Denolities Special is ever. I as sending a separate note to the ENC social him to declare this gave irregular, for the obvious ressons. Any problems take then up with him, OK? Thanks. For those of you who are not into this nort of thing, the titles for this lasue and #88 are taken from the lyric line of an old Rolling Stones tune.

((I too am glad it's over. What Jack's horseshit about irregularity is about, I don't know. I have to queation the appropriateness of a CM simply referring the players to the ENC for a complaint, since presumably it is primarily the CM's responsibility to properly run a game, not the BNC. My thanks to Gary Howe for providing me with a copy of this final turn; I received none, and two other Oklahoma players threw theirs out upon receipt before I knew anything was wrong. The last time that I ran into something like this was with an asshole named Fred Winter who "CM'ed a game for a while and then simply sent out a note saying that the game ended as a draw among the major powers by CM fiat, and if any of us wnated to see the wrapup and the endgame statements he had, "send if to the BNC for a copy". Fortunately that turkey is no longer CMing, though he's still out there as a player somewhere. Bill Shaffer's comment was that "the only thing irregular about this game was the CM" which you can take as you will. Frankly, if there was anyone who had a legitimate complaint about the possible irregularity of the game, it would be him. If Jack ran the game so badly that it is irregular, I don't feel that the wrapup is the time or place to present tha problems (whatever they are). This issue will contain the last CAMAL DREGS I will carry in BB. I see no excuse for this kind of carrying on, and certainly will not use my zeen as a vehicle for this.))

I zine published by Jack Front In this issue: 1979 HE

ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE AS EVERYONE IS BACK !

Fall 1915:

\*USTRIA (Kader): A Ser-Bud, disledged, retreat to Gre or disband;
F Eas-SMY

ENGLAND (Howe): / Lor-YOR; F Nth-Hol, dislodged, retrest to Bel, Edi, Lon, Hol, Nwg; Sks, or disband; F Mid-ENG; A Mar-BUR; F Spe-MID; F WES-Tun; F TYN-Nsp; A Ven-ROH; A Tyo-TRI; F Gel-MAR; A Gal-VIE; A Mun holds, dislodged, retrest to Ruk, Tyo, or disband; A BUD mus Aus A Ser

ITALY (McMahem): F NAF-Tum; A Pic-VEN; A BOH sup Rus A Sil-Mum

RUSSIA (Michalski): F NWY sup F Dem-Nth; F Dem-NTH; F KIE-Hol; A Pru-BER; A Sil-MUN; A Wor-GAL

TURKEY (Osuch): F ION-Nap; F Gre-&LB; / Bul-SER; / RUM sup / Bul-Ser; F Sev-BLA

Sumply Center Chart for 1915: COUNTRY CENTERS MEL JUSTRIA BAA, SET, SMY, (GRE) 1 \*r 2 0 ENGLAND Edi, Lon, Lol, Myd, Hel, Bel, Bre, 14 +1. +2. er +3Par, Mir, Mer, For, Sos, Vie, BUD, ROU. TRI 3 0 ITALY Nag, Køn, Ven, Tun, Zff 9 Stp, Swe, Den, Ber, Kie, War, Mes, +3 RUSSIA KWY. MUN 6 er 7 +1 er +2TURKEY Sky, Ank, Com, (Sté), Bul, Sev, Run, SER

COJ: Andy McMahon: 4542 N 7th St; Abilene, TX, 79603; 915-676-9276

Deadline for Fall retrests, Winter adjustments, and Spring 1916 orders is Menday, July 28, at usea. PRESS:

STP: The Peace Offensive begins! (The offensive Peace ends!)

LON-LOCKPORT: Look again Jack. What you thought was a feeble (sic) flanking move by Russia last season was actually the mass surrender of his armies. They valuntarily are shipping themselves to concentration camps in Norway and Germany rather than face my crack troops. Please, a little more respect in your headlines.

LOCKPORT: How's this: ENGLAND BLOWS / WINNING POSITION ?

LON-MOS: John, I thought you were an accountant? When is 1/2 of mothing worth maything. (both sic) Thanks for the information that Turkey's moves last season were to be conditional on your build. Now I'm the only "good" guy in the game.

LCCKPORT: And Ithought you were a teacher. Have you ever taken a course in grannar?

Sev, Mer, Hes, VEN

### 1980AQ (Canal Dregs)

Endgame Statement

John Michalski, TURKEY, won

This game, in retrospect, was played out in 1901. By the time F01 was over, the only question remaining was whether the ECFI forces could cooperate quickly and form a stalemate line, yet even this was a bleak hope. Pilant's France never had a friend on the board, his two major neighbors having jumped in his shtuff right from S01 on. Thus France was forced to do battle with everyone he could reach for as long as he lasted, and when he managed to GROW despite the combined forces of E&G against him, they were up the creek. Had the EGI group acted differently, this would have been a 3way draw at best. As it was, the shafting of France was second only to Italy's incredible F01 NMR in deciding the game.

That NMR was it. Austria and my Turkey both opened with straight, bland starts, though Austria almost talked me into going vs Russia early. On the other side, Nathan Mitchell's Italy opened to Tyo and Ven successfully, and had Russia on a string, putting him into Galicia. With I-R ready to crush Austria (and then, obviously, my Turkey), I wrote the Russian in summer 01 and told him that with his A Gal and F Sev, I was ordering A Bul-Rum. Thus if he wanted Rumania, he'd have to use Gal either to Rum or to support Sev to Rum. Incredibly, he instead took the Italian orders and went SEV-Rum, A GAL S Italian A Tyo-Vie. Germany stood him out of Sweden as I recall, and instead of Italy +3, Russia +1, Austria -1, we found a pissed off Austria +2, Russia and Italy both going into 1902 EVEN. Nathan's NMR cut his throat AND Russia's! They proceeded to pick off Austria who suicided out vs the cunning Nathan to benefit. As he went down, I was at a crossroads. I could either make peace with Nathan and roll vs Germany-Scandanavia, or use the Russian as a willing anti-Western puppet and roll over Italy. Frankly, I didn't know Which way to go, and wound up making it conditional on the retreat (if any was ordered) of the last Austrian unit. If it retreated, it would cut a key Italian support, giving me Italian Budapest. If not, I'd go north. In each case, I encouraged Nathan to follow up on the opportunity he saw in Pilant's weak France behind him. Had he been a poorer player than he is, I'd have picked up Naples, Tunis, and Budapest, but I had to settle for only two.

From there on, I should have had it sewed up, but my own play is not something I can crow about in this game. I made at least three major screwups: a key miswritten order that should have caused Nathan to go down faster, letting him keep Trieste a year longer than he should have had it, to Pilant's detriment; second, taking War AND Mos from my puppet there too soon when I should have sent the Warsaw unit on into Prussia; and finally some indecisive orders to an army in Russia that always seemed to be a provicnce away and a season late for everything I was thinking of doing with it. Competent play on my part would have put this thing away 3 seasons earlier and given Pilant a solid position in second instead of a luck-shot into a tie for third. German indecisiveness was the only thing exceeding my own with that army, Germany never much straying from the Ber-Mun-Hol-Den box even when he had over half a dozen units. It protected him from a stab successfully, an important consideration when playing with Gary Howe's England, but it meant that my Russian front units that never exceeded three were on the offensive up there all game instead of desperately hanging onto what I had gained.

Oh, well. All in all, I'm very glad (and very surprised, after SO1) to find myself with a third win. I can only attribute it to luck, taking what was given to me by faulty play by others rather than brilliance on my part, sad to say. I doubt I'll see another win, but thanks to all for this one.

See ya'll next time!

John.

GRAMMATICAL BLOOPERS AND BLUMPERS I'VE MADE by John Kodor TALES OF TEUTONIC TERROR by Kontad Baumeister ETHICS IN GMING by Bernie Oaklyn BEGGING FOR SURVIVAL by Kathy Byrne THE ART OF LETTER - WRITING by Ron Kelly KEEPING YOUR PHONE BILL DOWN by George Leritte NEW YORK CITY'S ILLUSTRIOUS INHABITANTS by Jerry Jones MY FAVORITE HOUSERULES by John Caruso THE HORRORS OF HOBBY HOAXES by Jack Masters SERENITY by John Kelley THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE by Progy Gemignani. THE PRESIDENT'S BRAIN IS MISSING! by John Boardman AVOIDING THOSE FUCKING OBSCENITIES by Bill Shaffer EXCITING PERSONAL CONFLICTS by Dave White COMMON SENSE SALES by Curtis Gibson HOW TO AVOID CREATING HAVOC by Allan Calhamer BEST-LOVED "FAIRY" TALES by John Michalski "PLEASE DON'T SEND ME ANY ARTICLES!" by Lee Kemter Sr. THE CAT LOVER'S MANUAL TO by Bill LaFosse SHORT ESSAYS by Mark Berch
THE SHOCKING DETAILS OF A LOVE AFFAIR: ANITA AND I by Rod Walker WHAT I DO ON MY WEEKENDS OFF Ly BAUX

### JOHN BOARDMAN (GRAUSTARK)

234 East 19th Street Brooklyn, New York 11226 11 August 1980

I am terribly sorry about having taken the enclosed phony issue of your Diplomacy fanzine Brutus Builetin for your own work. Bruce Lineey might be the cuiprit, to judge from the spelling "Bruxus" that the title is given.

Since the perpetrators are unlikely to send you a copy, you may have the one that was sent me. I am not particularly interested in racist attempts to humor. If you find out who did print it, and whether the warning about "Gary Coughian" is accurate, please let me know. This person's name should be circulated through Diplomacy fandom to the eame extent, and with the same obloquy, as Tretick's.

However, the Walker letter is typed on the same type face that he uses. If

this was a fake, then it was done with Walker's connivance.

But something ie going to have to be done about these poison pens with their anonymous or pseudonymous accusations. I suggest a massive freezing of them out. For example, let ue suppose that Joe Nurd crows with delight and says, "Yes,  $\underline{I}$ published the phony Brutus Bulletin #09. Wasn't it Jolly good fun?" We then write, to the editor of any publications that publishes anything by Joe Murd, a summary of Nurd's fraud and say, "We are sure that you will not want to print anything more by this man, for the sake of the hobby. " If this publisher refuses to join in freezing out Nurd, we write to the publisher's other readers and tell them what he's done. Such a joh will be as tedious and unpleasant as weeding out devilgrass, but for the same of the health of the hobby, I fear that it will have to be

((John has received a private response, but for the record, the Coughlan affair was purely an attempt at humor by the perpetrators. Also, a number of people have admitted to really doing the letters that bore their name, tho not Mike Mills who has publicly denied authorship of "his". It sounded more like Bruce Linsey's writing to me anyway ... This reises the problem with John's suggestion that to blackball the 'guilty' would be to lambast about 15% of the active publishers in the hobby! (The fake BB#69 was clearly a committee affair), it seems). Also, except for embarrassing gaffs such as Boardman's denouncement of me for the material in the fake, or the "cancelling trades" note in an early fake VOLKER that caused some trouble, most fakes are relatively harmless pranks. Other views?))

Notes

I was going to carry this over, but the heck with it, I'll tuck it into #71 here right away. The rest of this sheet will be an excerpt from Berch's latest DD on an old familiar topic. It contains a little of an update, not just more "Bernie-is-not-nice". I thought it worth reprinting...

A.M.

#### The Zine Column #26

#### Telling Lies

I will try to kaep this as short as I can, but its been 6 months (!) so quita a bit has accumulated, and besides, I've gotten many new subbers racently. Anyhow, I'm sure many of you have received a sample of Oaklyn's FLD, especially if you are new to the hobby. And since its physically very attractive, I'm sure some of you have decided to sub If you have, you will disover something very strange --- stories that appear there appear nowhere else in the hobby. This is very unusual --- we pubbers ar e a talkative lot, and if one of us breaks a good story, you can be sure others will repeat it for their readers. But Bernie's tales are not rapeated because they are lies. Examples follow.

In the April 1980 issue he acuses John Michalski of "stealing stationery" and the "unauthorized use of...post office bulk mail rate postage metars", and implies that ha has contacted the government about this (and John isn't the first person he's made that threat to.) Now, John has explained to the hobby several times the arraingement that he

Excerpt from DIPLOMACY DIGEST

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makes to mail and print his zine from work --- but Bernie doesn't mention that, doesnhe. And he doesn't mention the fact that scrounging envelopes is a very common and accepted practice. I, for example, have sent out many dozens of packages of back issues, all of themin recycled manille envelopes. Many are fished right out of tresh cans.

In the May 1980 issue things realiy get dirty. On page 18, he seys that Fred Devis, the IDA ombudsman at the time, told John Leeder "that he would disquelify himself if he was ever ceiled upon to edjudicete against me." Actually, he said just the apposite he said (Runestone #275) that with one minor exception he would not disqualify himself (the one exception being if the dipute hinged on is Oaklyn - Tretick; since Fred knows first hend that he is, his mind is already made up on that point). Next up is Lea Kendter, Sr, the doerdman Number Custodian. Bernie details a peculiar incident in which Lee "demonstrated effense" ever an extremely trivial matter --- the failure to write both Sr and Jr on an issue of FID. As this was supposedly in a fone conversation, it can't be literally disproven. But such pettiness is totelly out of character for Lea. What's more, I have received many letters from him; not one was signed with "SR". Indeed, his return eddress stampdoesn't have either Sr or Jr on it. Lee says the story is a totel fabrication, and I believe him. And then there's ma. Bernie informs his readers that I am the hobby embudsman. Pretty presumptuous of me, isn't it? Well, I'm not, have never said that I am, end if Bernie can show where I have, I'ii give him a lifetime sub to DD.

Sometimes things are probably just the result of laziness and careleseness. A liter is teprinted from Shrave supposedly to Boardman, but actually was written to Michalski. It seems that Bernie didn't bother to check with Shrave. In other cases he is truly pathetic. Twice in the May issue he hectors Konrad Baumeieter for supposedly withholding some proof that Oaklyn is not Tretick. Imagine --- thie coming from a parson whe has never once presented any proof that he is a real person --- like a xerox of a drivers liscense. But that doosn't stop him from hectoring KB for something he himself can't do. ANd in some cases he is downright sleazy. He makes a series of threats, if a dispute that the RNC is hendling is not resolved to his precise satisfaction. In one he claims to have "embarrasing" letters written by me and by Rod Walker to some unnamed persons. There aren't any such letters that I know of --- this is just innuendo. Rod actually called Bernio's bluff and demanded that the latters be published!

The June issue continues in this vein. He says that he has been "told" that 1 predicted that FLD would fold. It is true that I have an infamous bet that according to the lew of averages, two zines from a given list would fold by the end of 1980. And some people have predicted that FLD will fair --- but not me, and FLD is not on that list. But that doesn't metter to Bernie --- he just goes on to iscture me about how I should "withhold" my opinion on such things. And on page 21 is a new victim. David Perlmutter, e reletive newcomer to the hobby. It seems that Dave has been doing a series of zinc reviews for Claw and Fang, and did a somewhat mixed review on FLD --- a mixture of praise and criticism. And Dave had the temerity to say "Not a page goes by without an attack on Mark Borch or someone else." So Bernie lets him have it, questioning his honestty, etc. Its pretty bad, and utterly uncalled for. And eisewhere in the issue he dumps on Don Norton, but I wont bore you with the preposterous details.

But it is on page 22 that he makes one of the most cynical requirements ever made by a GM. It is an essay on player's requirements in his games. Mostly it is sensible stuff (keep yeur sub up, get your moves in on time) er Bernie's endless padding. But item 9 is the real kicker. Any compleints about the games are to go "only to the games-master". They are expressely not permitted to "criticize or complain to someone who cannot do anything about it." They can't even complain to the other players --- Bernie nails that one down twice, by requiring that they also "not receive, from anyone, complaints that I ((the player)) can't de anything about, but to redirect the person to someone who can do something about it." And these are not just suggestions --- he calis them "manditory". This is a horrible, totally corrupt requirement. Indeed, one of the best things you can do when feeed with a dispute with your GM --- any GM --- is to ask someone else's advice. Noe of us are perfect; we all have blind spots. Particularly

newconers, who may not realize that a certain procedure, which seems unfair to them, is actually quite acceptable, or at limit tolerated. Be discreet, make it off the record if you like. I have received numerous ruch requests for advice, from both players and GMs alike, and most GMs and experienced players wholve been around receive them from time to time. I personally haven't had much in the way of disputes with GMs, but when I do, I usually check but my nosition with a few friends. This is especially necessary for Oaklyn hecause in his day, about 10 years ago as Yestick, he was the most widely criticized GM in the history of the hobby. And its true again as Oaklyn, often for the exact same things (because he doesn't see anything wrong with them, and because he doesn't learn). I know of no present North American GM whose GMing has been so widely criticized as Oaklyn's He has obviously been stung by that, but rather than changing his ways, he's drawing e curtain around his games --- make no mistake about it; He's tired of having his unethical conduct exposed to the hobby, and this is his response.

Weil, you might say, so what. First, Bernie gets a lot of novices into his zine, which is unsurprising, as a newcomer cannot distinguish the trash from the flash in FLD. And nevices are the lifeblood of our high-turnover hobby. And they are getting a herribly distorted view of things. The BNC a man offended by trivie. GMs too parameid to per mit general discussion of their errors. A hobby full of scoundrels. Net to mention his constant attacks on the Rulebook. Its a dsmal picture he paints for them. Or let me put this on a more personal level, and tell you a little something about Fred Davis. Fred has been publishing Buenwackar for over 8 years, an astounding record. He has created a series of variants, including Abstraction, Small World, U.S. Dip, which have proved to be highly popular, and presently keeps a variant archives. He served several times as IDA Ombudsman, and just recently he stepped in to chair the DipCon Society Committe, when Rod suddenly had to rull out. His activities with the Hensa Society have brought many new members into the hobby. Plus he has given many people, including me, very useful advice. and let me tell you, Fred deserves better than this, because the hobby owes him e great deal. The same goes for other repeated victims of Tretick, such as Kendter, Walker and others. These three issues of FLD are nothing new --- its been going on for some time. I am getting sick and tired of seeing my friends slandered every time an FLD comes out not to mention his personal correspondence.

Now that we're agreed -- I hope -- that this is a serious problem, what should be done about it? My attempts to resolve this via intermediaries went nowhere; similarly for writing him directly (he doesn't even bother to enswer my letters). And the hobby itself has shown him a lot of disapproval, he gets very few plugs --- in fact gets many Negative plugs, saying to aveid his games and/or zine. But that hasn't werked either. There is only one thing that he is dependent on the hobby for: game openings where he can play. So if the hobby is to show its disapproval in a meeningful way, it must be in that direction. Thus, this winter I tried to get the hobby's GMs to agree to withhold their openings. Many GMs signed the PST, newcomers and old hands elike. A few pubbers have said they will not sign, the they will not let him into any of their games either. One pubber (François Cuerrier) gave a legitimate reason for not signing. But there ere enul who will let him play. I suspect that some of those don't care what he does so long as he does it to someone clse. As one GM, writing about himself, put it: "If ell this seems to you like I am acting like some Midieval Baron concerned only about his own domain in this hobby ... that's exactly how I view the structure of this hobby." I ask him, and I ask some of you this: How much longer are you willing to put up with this disgraceful conduct? Rod was complaining in the summer of 1978, I did my big expose in the summer of 1979, and here it is, SuBO, and we've got the same damn problem. Are you prepared to watch his total disregard for hobby norms and ethics in S81, Su82, Số) to match the three we've had? No? Then what are you going to do about it?

Gentlemen, you are citner part of the solution or part of the problem. Bernie can harm this hobty. It doesn't feel very good to open an FLD end know that you or one or your friends is being lied about to an unknown set of people (and Bernie keeps back issues in stock), and know there's not much you can do about it. If you aren't willing to join with the rest of the hobby and do something meaningful, aren't you permitting this to happen? Please think about it, for this is my final pitch on the subject. And players, let your GH know your thoughts on the subject.